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 Prior Application: **09/812,707** filed: **March 20, 2001**
 Examiner: **Frank I. CHOI** Art Unit: **1616**

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a _____ continuation-in-part **X** continuation
 _____ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application, Serial
 No **09/812,707** filed on **March 20, 2001** for **SKIN CARE COMPOSITION THAT**
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3. _____ Cancel in this application original claim(s) _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)



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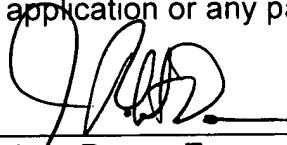
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4. XX A copy of the executed oath or declaration from U.S. Application Serial No. 09/812,707 filed March 20, 2001 is enclosed.
5. _____ A new oath or declaration, new formal drawings and an affidavit or declaration verifying it as a true copy is enclosed.
6. XX Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --- This is a X continuation, _____ division, of application serial no. 09/812,707, filed March 20, 2001.
7. XX The prior application is assigned of record to: **Avon Products, Inc.**
8. XX The power of attorney in the prior application is to: **Paul D. Greeley; Charles N.J. Ruggiero and Anthony M. Santini**
- a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
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9. _____ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
10. XX Priority of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/461,449 filed on December 14, 1999; U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/190,988 filed on March 21, 2000; **PCT International Application No. PCT/US00/33776** filed on 14 December 2000; and U.S. Patent Application serial no. 09/812,707 filed on March 20, 2001 in the United States claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119;
11. XX I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application serial no. 09/812,707 as originally filed on March 20, 2001.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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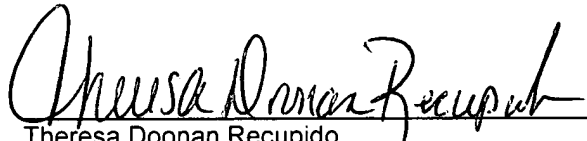
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